

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION

REGENA M. BRIDGES,

Plaintiff,

v.

**CAROLYN W. COLVIN,
acting Commissioner of the
Social Security Administration,**

Defendant.

MOSMAN, J.,

No. 3:11-cv-06046-AC

OPINION AND ORDER

On October 3, 2013, Magistrate Judge Acosta issued his Findings and Recommendation (“F&R”) [41] in the above-captioned case, recommending that Plaintiff Regena M. Bridges be awarded \$6,437.62 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act. Neither party has objected.

DISCUSSION

The magistrate judge makes only recommendations to the court, to which any party may file written objections. I am not bound by the recommendations of the magistrate judge; instead, I retain responsibility for making the final determination. I am required to review de novo those portions of the report or any specified findings or recommendations within it to which an objection is made. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). However, I am not required to review, de novo or

under any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the F&R to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). While the level of scrutiny under which I am required to review the F&R depends on whether objections have been filed, in either case I am free to accept, reject, or modify any part of the F&R. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

Upon review, I agree with Judge Acosta's recommendation, and I ADOPT the F&R [41] as my own opinion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 1 day of November, 2013.

/s/Michael W. Mosman

MICHAEL W. MOSMAN
United States District Judge